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WEATHER FAVORABLE FOR CROP PROGRESS

Cotton Has at Least Held Own Since End of June Says Commercial Appeal

The cotton crop has as good as held its own, and probably improved somewhat since the last of June, according to The Commercial Appeal reports. Boll weevil is the chief cause of most of the apprehension that exists as to the yield. Weevils are more numerous and active in some sections, notably in those where heavy infestation is of comparatively recent date, and less active in others.

Weather influence upon weevil is marked. Lack of moisture and high temperatures have perceptibly checked weevil where a month ago great damage was in prospect, and less damage than was expected has occurred.

It is noted that the plant, where far enough advanced, is fruiting well, despite boll weevil, although there are exceptions to the rule. The plant, correspondents almost unanimously report, is healthy in appearance, has a good tap root and fields are clean and well cultivated.

The weather during the last month has been mostly favorable for the crop. Most of the drought areas of the Atlantic have been relieved by good rains, while excessive rains in the west abated, the unfavorable condition in most instances having been relieved before occurrences of important damage.

In Tennessee the plant is fruiting well where far enough advanced, looks healthy, is well rooted and fields are clean. Boll weevil more numerous and widespread, although so far no important damage reported. Too in dry some sections, particularly northwest, but generally more favorable than otherwise. Crop improved since June and averages somewhat better than at same time last year; condition mostly satisfactory to very good.

THOUSANDS IN STATE ARE WITHOUT JOBS

Unemployment Reported From All Sections, With Conditions No Better

That unemployment in Tennessee is growing no better is shown in a report of conditions throughout the state, just compiled by W. C. Birthwright, secretary of the Tennessee Federation of Labor.

With the exception of Jackson, the report indicates that the situation is very unfavorable in the principal cities of Tennessee.

There are many idle men in all lines in practically all of the large cities in the state.

"The conditions in the mine fields are very bad," the report continues. "Thousands of men are out of work, and those employed are on duty not more than three days a week. All mines at Grayville, Soddy and Durham have been closed down."

Miss Annie Lou Morris came home from McMoresville and spent a few days this week and left to return to McMoresville, and visit in Milan and Gibson.

John D. Herron

News reached here Tuesday afternoon of the death of John D. Herron at his home in Tampa, Fla. The telegram bringing the news was received by Jas. A. Carroll, of McKenzie, who was here working on the equalization board. Mr. Carroll is a brother of Mrs. Herron, and the message was from her. No particulars were given, only that the remains would be brought to McKenzie for burial. Mr. Carroll could not tell what

time the body would reach McKenzie. Mr. Herron was a citizen of McKenzie prior to his removal to Florida, where he has resided several years. Mr. Herron had been married twice, his last wife being Mrs. Ada Dalton, who formerly resided in Huntingdon. He is survived by his wife and a son by his former wife. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and was a man held in the highest esteem by his friends and acquaintances of his former home town and county. We are not advised as to the time of the burial.

THE EQUALIZATION BOARD KEPT BUSY

A Large Number Have Been Here to Prevent a Raise in Their Assessment

The Equalization board was a busy place the first of this week. A large number of taxpayers had been notified to call and show reason why the assessment on their property should not be advanced. And they were all here, most of them brought some of their neighbors with them to verify the correctness of their claim that their taxes should not be raised.

The members of the board were busy hearing the reasons why property should not be raised and many insisted that their assessment was not only high enough, but too high and should be reduced.

People are very sensitive about their taxes, especially their state and county taxes. Congress may raise the tariff, which is only a tax that the consumer pays when he buys the article upon which the tariff is placed, and many of them will go to the ballot box and vote their endorsement of the party making the increase.

With congress raising the tariff, the equalization board raising the taxes and the drought cutting down the crops the farmer will find it no little task to meet his obligations this fall.

Mrs. T. J. Norwood

Mrs. T. J. Norwood, of the Eighteenth district, is dead at the age of 79 years. She is survived by her husband, a son, W. W. Norwood, of Jackson, and a daughter, Mrs. M. A. Clark, of Buena Vista. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Boyd and the funeral followed at Butler's cemetery.

WHITE MAN SHOT BY NEGRO TRACKWALKER

The Last Sunday Tragedy Near Buena Vista May Result Very Seriously

Jim Bledsoe, trackwalker of the Buena Vista section of the N. C. & St. L. railway, was followed up and shot by Roy Caldwell, colored, a former trackwalker of the same section, last Sunday morning.

Mr. Bledsoe was shot from behind, the ball entering near his left hip and at last accounts had not been located. His condition may prove serious.

Caldwell wanted to make the trip over the track Sunday, and became enraged because Bledsoe was permitted to go. The attack was made on Mr. Bledsoe in the bottoms, a short distance from Buena Vista, and there were no witnesses to the shooting.

The negro fired one shot and took to the woods and has not been apprehended. Several posses of citizens of Buena Vista and Westport have scoured the country in search of the negro, but at this writing he has not been found.

COL. POSTON, ALAMO LAWYER, FOR REFEREE

Memphis Rumor Has it That Former Bull Moose Will Land Paying Job

The Memphis Commercial Appeal published the following news item of local interest Wednesday:

While Judge Ross, the federal judge, has made no announcements about his appointments, a rumor is going the rounds that Col. W. F. Poston, of Alamo, will succeed Col. Harry Anderson as referee in bankruptcy at Memphis and that Gen. H. C. Anderson will be the referee at Jackson. Col. Poston has long been conspicuous in republican politics in West Tennessee. He was the Bull Moose candidate for governor in 1912. He has been spoken of lately as a probable candidate for chancellor to succeed Judge Denison, who was appointed by Gov. Taylor to take Judge Ross' place. His appointment as referee here would eliminate him from the race.

Hu Anderson is a Democrat, and a good one. He recently resigned as attorney general of the Jackson district.

Col. Harry Anderson has been referee here since his return from France in 1919. The Memphis job pays between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year gross. It is rumored that he will be succeeded Sept. 1.

CARROLL COUNTY FAIR IN OCTOBER

The Chamber of Commerce Will Get Behind Enterprise and Make it Go

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night of last week it was permanently decided to hold a fair in Huntingdon this fall. The fair will be during the first or second week in October. It is to be a clean fair with nothing objectionable permitted.

A committee was appointed to make plans and report Thursday night of this week. Following composed the committee: Fred Tate, A. M. Lee, Jas. Patrick, W. S. Priest, W. L. Noell, and Fred Bennett. The officers of the fair are also to be elected at this meeting.

It is believed that if the business men of Huntingdon will get behind the enterprise and can get proper co-operation from the citizens of the county, especially the farmers and stock growers, that the fair can be made of great value to the county.

DEADLOCK IS BROKEN BOARD ELECTS MAYOR

John T. Peeler Was Elected—the Opposition for Mrs. Neill Wright

The mayor and board of aldermen at the adjourned meeting last Monday night elected John T. Peeler to fill out the unexpired term of Mayor J. Wesley Williams, resigned. The opposition to Mr. Peeler voted for Mrs. Neill Wright. On the deciding ballot it was a tie, Mr. Peeler and Mrs. Wright each receiving three votes, and the recorder, who was presiding, and who had been an ardent supporter of Mr. Peeler all along, cast the deciding vote in his favor.

Mr. Peeler has served as a member of the board one term and understands the condition of the town and, will, no doubt, make a good officer.

Neither Mrs. Wright nor Mr. Peeler was a candidate in the sense of seeking the position, but were voted for by members of the board on their own volition.

Mr. Pruitt Dead

The remains of Filmore Pruitt were brought here Tuesday from Hickman, Ky., and interred at Long Rock, after funeral services

conducted by Lige Robinson. Mr. Pruitt had lived in this county until about a year ago, when he moved to Hickman. He had been in failing health for some time, but his serious illness lasted less than a week, following a sunstroke. He was 55 years old, a member of the Baptist church, and is survived by his wife and eight children, Jance and Howard Pruitt, of the Twenty-third district; Mrs. Polly Fry, of the Ninth district; Arthur, of Memphis; Nelson, Filmore, Jr., and Bettie Pruitt and Mrs. Janie Hubbard, of Hickman, Ky. Mr. Pruitt had many friends in this county, where he formerly lived.

COUNTY DAYS AT STATION BIG SUCCESS

More Than Five Thousand Farmers From Twenty-one Counties in Attendance

June 29 to July 8 were red-letter days for West Tennessee farmers. They were "County Days" at the West Tennessee Experiment Station, certain days being assigned to the various counties on which the farmers were invited to visit the Station, inspect the crops and livestock and see a number of practical demonstrations which had been arranged for their benefit.

The event was a marked success, more than 5,000 farmers, their wives and children in attendance from 21 county. On several of the days from 250 to 300 cars were parked at the Station. On July 8 the Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad ran a special train from Paris and Dresden, connecting at Hollow Rock Junction, to accommodate the farmers of Weakley, Carroll, Henry, Henderson, Deatur, and Benton Counties.

A committee from the Jackson Association of Commerce met in coming trains and carried the visitors to the experiment station each day. Cars loaned by citizens to the committees carried small banners welcoming the farmers and offering them free rides where ever they wished to go.

Graveyard Working

There is to be a working at the Hebron graveyard, two miles east of Rosser, next Tuesday. All who have friends buried in this graveyard, and others who may wish to do so, are invited to be present and assist in the work. Go prepared, with dinner and tools, to put in a full day.

CITIZENS FIGHT PHONE INCREASE

Hearing is Before the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission for Settlement

Claiming that the proposed rates, changes, etc., of the Cumberland Telephone Company are unjust and out of proportion with the service rendered, and that if there should be a revision it should be downward, counsel representing citizens and telephone users in various sections of the state last Monday filed protests with the Tennessee Railroad and Public Utilities Commission which was to hear the application of the Cumberland Company for increase in telephone rates and toll charges in the state. The petitions also ask that the commission order an appraisal of properties of the company in the state, an investigation of the contracts between the Cumberland Company and the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Western Electric Company and prays that these contracts be declared void.

The protesting petitions submitted by representatives of various counties and towns of the state recited the substance of resolutions adopted at mass-meetings of citizens set out that the increased charges sought by the Cumberland Company were in the face of declining prices for labor and materials, and at a time when the whole world is facing a readjustment of its financial and economic affairs. The petition recited the fact that the company was granted emergency relief during the war, and that charges were revised upward, and while this emergency has ceased to exist the company is insisting on a still further increase in the face of general business depression.

RAIN TUESDAY SAVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

The General Rains Throughout Most of State Breaks Long Drouth

Millions of dollars will be saved to the farmers of Tennessee by Tuesday's rainfall, according to the statement Tuesday night of Capt. T. F. Peck, commissioner of agriculture.

Reports show that the rain was general throughout the state, breaking the worst drouth since 1899, according to the records of the weather bureau. Nearly four inches of rain fell in Middle Tennessee. This rain represents the first beneficial precipitation in that section since June 21. The drouth was accompanied by a heat wave which dried up the growing crops in the field.

The rainfall was good in most of West Tennessee, and it is impossible to estimate the good that will result from it. While the showers were heavier in some sections than others, yet there was enough to revive the crops and save millions of dollars to Tennessee farmers.

Big Land Deal

The largest real estate transfer offered here for registration in quite a while was recorded July 8. The Gayoso Lumber Co., transferred to the Kline Timber & Lumber Co., both of Memphis, a body of land lying in the Second and Third districts of Carroll county, and the consideration was \$45,000. If we mistake not the Gayoso Lumber Co., purchased this land during the real estate boom here something over a year ago, paying \$52,000 for same. There has been quite a decline in the price of real estate in Carroll county since that time.

Notice to the Public

On and after Aug. 1, 1921, our business will be conducted on a strictly cash basis.

We thank you for your past patronage and hope for a continuance of same in the future

Huntingdon Machine Works

FRANK W. CEQUIN, Manager